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Spout Spring

Mrs. Winston Walton and children are visiting this week in the home of her mother, Mrs. Van Cleef, at Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Jamerson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson and family visited Sunday with Mrs. Janie Meredith at Prospect, and enjoyed a birthday dinner for Mrs. Meredith.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McFadden and his mother Mrs. Emma McFadden, of Vera, attended funeral services Saturday at Gainesville, Va. for Mrs. Earl DeGrango.

Revival services will begin this Sunday at Salem Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Mattie Wooldridge, of Concord, and Mrs. Carrol Crews, of Lynchburg, were guests Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne.

Visiting in the home of Mr and Mrs. John Martin over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baber, of Lynchburg and Mr. W. A. Moon and Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barnes spent several days recently in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin has announced the birth of a son, born August 31st at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. Tom Crews and children, of Appomattox, were Saturday night guests of Mrs. Norman Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Smith and daughter, Robin have moved into their new home at Spout Spring. Their former address was Leesville Road, Lynchburg. Their Spout Spring home was formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Don Almond and son. Mr. and Mrs. Almond now occupy the apartment formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McFadden.

Glendale

Wednesday is the day for our children to go back to school. Most of them are happy.

Mr. F. J. Nash is in the hospital. Hope he will be well soon.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall has returned home. Hope she is feeling better.

Miss Pat Tibbs spent Saturday night with Jeanie Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Tibbs visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tibbs, of Mike, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hodnett, of Rustburg, were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holt.

Miss Anna Lou and Emma Sue Howerton, of Lynchburg, spent a few days with Mrs. Nannie Marshall.

Mr. Joe Howerton has returned home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr., Karen and Hunter motored to Washington, D.C. For sightseeing and visited with Mrs. T. R. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash Sunday.

Mr. Edward Cheatham and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nash Sunday afternoon.

In my trip to D. C. we were signing in at the motel, we gave our address as Spout Spring, Va. and the clerk wanted to know if we had a street address.

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Background Scripture: Judges 1 through 8.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 80: 1-6, 14-19.

Heroes

Lesson for September 6, 1964

Mankind has three ideals which cannot harmonize with one another. So says a philosopher. The three ideals are: the hero, the artist, the saint. What makes a proper hero doesn't make a proper saint or a proper artist.

What is good behavior for the saint may not be such for the artist . . . and so on. Men of any one type are likely to shook and repel men of other types. We see this today in the uneasy relations between military men and "eggheads," between athlets and Phi Beta Kappas. We can find it in the Bible too. One strange part of the Bible is the book of Judges, in which there are stories so disgusting and terrible that they never yet have been used as Sunday school lessons.

Heroes

The word "judges" as used in the book of the Old Testament by that name does not have its usual meaning either in Hebrew or in English. It is used to refer to certain men, usually counted as twelve in number, who raised armies, carried out assassinations, or in other ways, always by the use of violence, came to the rescue of the Israelites and set them free once more. The judges were all military heroes and honored as such. They were heroes, not saints, and cannot be measured by the yardstick of a saint.

Courage

Yet these men, from the greatest to the least of them, were instruments of God in the world, and were used by the Spirit of God to work out his good purposes. They were not such men as all Christians ought to be; but they were men with some qualities which all Christians might well imitate. One of these qualities was courage. No man without courage can be a hero. We may expect that a hero will be not only moderately brave, as most human beings are but (as we put it today) brave "above and beyond the line of duty." We think of Ehud, going on his mission of death quietly in the very midst of his country's enemies; of Gideon, watching his little army melt away — two out of three of them admitting they were scared, and going home! — of Shamgar, doing the great exploits with no weapon but a stick to prod oxen with; of Deborah, a military chief of staff, taking the lead only because she could find no man to do it; Samson, full of good possibilities even if he never used them, certainly no coward in the face of lions or men. One and all they were men who dared to do what other men feared to attempt.

Faith

Centuries later, the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews, in reflecting on these very men and naming som eof them, thinks chiefly not of their courage but of their faith. By faith they won their battles. Now the Old Testament does not give details about most of the judges, but where it does give details they are a little surprising. Faith is so often confused with a list of propositions we are asked or commanded to believe, that we don't always recognize faith of the kind these Hebrew heroes had. Theirs was an active faith, the faith of fighters and doers, not thinkers. Not that God has no need for thinkers; but when Israel needed a war of liberation, as they so often did, they were not to be saved by scribes and professors, but by men with weapons in their hands, not afraid to use them. This kind of faith does have some "belief-about" in it but also "belief-in." Men of fighting faith believe in something and some one; their faith is a challenge and a summons, not a meekly recited creed. What these heroes believed in was freedom; they fought, every one of them, to set their people free. The Who was the Lord of Hosts (meaning Lord of Armies). They did their great exploits as champions of the Almighty.

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4-H Member Given All Star Key

Audrey Cardwell, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis J. Cardwell, Rt. 1, Concord received a coveted 4-H All Star Key award Saturday at a special recognition banquet for new members and their parents at Camp Easter Seal, Craig County.

This is her sixth year in 4-H Club Work. She has served three years as president of her club, attended State 4-H Conservation Camp in 1963, and attended the 1964 conference of the American Institute of Cooperation as state winner in the 4-H town and country business project. She is a member of the Sherwill Community Club.

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Mrs. Ella Jennings and Mrs. Eva Cawthorn are spending the week with Mrs. Jennings son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jennings and son, Sammy, of Cambria.

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, of Virgilina, spent Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Staples spent last week end with Mrs. Staples' mother, Mrs. Minnie Butler, of Carrsville.

Mrs. Leon Paulette and children are visiting relatives at Boston, Mass. this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dixon and family spent the week end with relatives at Roxbora, N.C.

Mrs. O. C. Paulette spent Saturday in the home of Mrs. C.J. Paulette and mother.

Mrs. H. C. Staples and Mrs. Gordon Staples visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jennings Sunday evening.

Kermit C. Paulette is attending the Walking Horse Show at Shelbyville, Tenn. this week.

Mrs. E. T. Bruce and children and Mrs. Ryland Staples and children motored to Mill Mountain Zoo and Lakeside for the day Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Harris is a patient at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Harvey and daughter, Linda, of Richmond, spent the week end with her father, A. L. Legrand.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davis and son, of Farmville, were Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Woolridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wo[illegible]
Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and Rev. and Mrs. [illegible] attended a reunion [illegible] Branch Baptist Ch[illegible]
Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] visited relatives [illegible] Sunday.
Mrs. Ryland Sta[illegible] O. C. Paulette [illegible] D. Calhoun and [illegible] Lynchburg.
Luncheon guest [illegible] and Mrs. W. W. Je[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Jo[illegible] and boys, and Mrs. [illegible]
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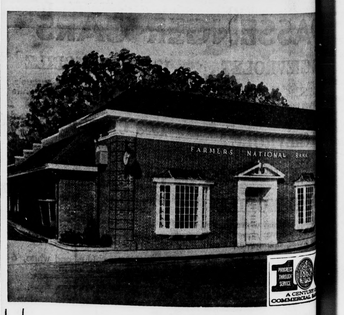

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